Call for Presenters

Foster Parent & Caregiver Conference

September 25-27, 2005 Ocean Shores Convention Center

"Together, We Accomplish the Extraordinary! Honoring Those Who Care For and Support Children"



Please carefully read <u>ALL</u> portions of this document

This is an invitation for treatment providers, program staff, managers, foster parents, youth, and social workers to submit a proposal for one or more concurrent workshops. To be considered for selection, *proposals must be received by 5 p.m. on <u>April 15, 2005</u>*

Overview of the Conference:

The Foster Parent & Caregiver Conference is designed to bring together people who care for and support children. This year the conference is focusing on the needs and issues of foster parents, relative/kinship caregivers, adoptive parents/relatives and professionals supporting children who are in out of home care. The conference committee is looking for workshop presenters who can offer innovative as well as research-based models to help us provide quality care for children and families of Washington State. Presenters are encouraged to address cultural competence and engagement of bio-parents, youth and relatives in all workshops. Workshops that present strategies for engagement of bio-parents, relatives, and youth will be strongly considered. Other topics might include, but not limited to, behavior management, mental health, navigating the system, self-care for caregivers, activities to do with children of all ages, life transitions for children in care. Co-presenting with two people from different perspectives on a subject such as with foster parents, parents, social work professionals and youth is encouraged.

Workshop Specifics:

The Foster Parent & Caregiver Conference planning committee is seeking presenters for breakout sessions that share practical application, projects, or strategies that have proven to be successful for caregivers, youth and social work professionals. Sessions can be 1.5 hours or 3 hours in length depending on the material to be covered. Approximately 30-50 people will attend each session. There will be no pre-registration for specific sessions thus, the number expected for each breakout can not be pre-determined.

Call for Presenters Form

A completed packet should include:

- ✓ Completed Call for Presenters form.
 - Short overview in 25 words or less for the conference brochure
 - ➤ A description in 400 words or less explaining the major points of your presentation.
 - ➤ The audio-visual needs for your presentation

Proposal Deadline: April 15, 2005 by 5 pm,

Submit to: Diana Gray,

Office of Training & Development,

By Mail: PO Box 45710, Olympia, WA 98504 or

By Email: as a Word document attachment **Grdi300@dshs.wa.gov** or

By FAX: 360-902-7903

Please be sure to title your e-mail or FAX 2005 FP & Caregivers Conference Proposal.

Presenter Expenses:

For each presentation that is selected, one registration fee will be waived for the **main presenter or designee**. The fee covers conference attendance and all meals provided to registered conference attendees.

Presentation Information
Please type in the shaded boxes
Title of Presentation
Please select one: (double click box) 1.5 hours 3 hours
Please indicate if you would be willing to repeat your session:
☐ YES (double Click box) ☐ NO
<u>Session Format</u> – Please briefly describe the format of your presentation. <i>Examples: lecture, work group, interactive, panel presentation, etc.</i>
Audio-Visual Needs
(double click appropriate box)
☐Laptop/Projector
Overhead Projector
☐Flip Chart
Other

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